

Agenda Outline

Interagency Bison Management Plan

*Mammoth School Community Room
Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park
August 28-29, 2008*

IBMP Principle Representatives

Jerry Diemer, Associate Regional Director, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Mary Erickson, Forest Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest

Pat Flowers, Region 3 Supervisor, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

Suzanne Lewis, Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of Livestock

Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Montana Department of Livestock

Purpose/Needs Statement for this Series of Seven Meetings

The Federal and State Records of Decision in December 2000 for the Long-Term Interagency Bison Management Plan for Montana and Yellowstone National Park (IBMP) were the result of extensive deliberation and legal proceedings that yielded an unprecedented agreement among federal-state agencies (National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Montana Department of Livestock, and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks). Under the IBMP, these agencies harness their respective skills and operational resources to work cooperatively within an adaptive management framework to conserve a wild, free-ranging bison population while concurrently protecting against transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle.

Partner agencies are committed to the adaptive management framework of the IBMP. In keeping with this commitment, the partners have scheduled multiple working meetings between August and December 2008. These meetings are open to the public with agendas designed so that partner agencies can effectively deliberate on recent recommendations by the US Government Accountability Office; assess the effectiveness and outcomes of IBMP management activities (highlighting winter 2007-2008); and considering prevailing conditions, develop and incorporate short- and long-term adaptive management adjustments to the IBMP for winter 2008-2009 and beyond.

Goals of the Seven Meetings: for the IBMP Partners...

1. ... to effectively deliberate on recent recommendations by the US Government Accountability Office;
2. ... to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of IBMP management activities (highlighting winter 2007-2008);
3. ... considering prevailing conditions, to develop and incorporate short- and long-term adaptive management adjustments to the IBMP for winter 2008-2009 and beyond.

Thursday August 28

NOON	Nedra Chandler (facilitator) & all participants and observers	Welcome, purpose, foundations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desired outcomes from today and tomorrow's time together• Expectations, approximate schedule & ways to comment (sign up to speak and/or written comments at this point)• Materials available• Self introductions around the room
1:00- 4:30	Agency partners and staff	Continued information exchange & follow up on action items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes on the landscape today (compared to 2000) – presentation by Marna and Marion with partner dialog• Partners list (generate today) of information gaps• Reports out from each partner agency as needed on what they monitor and track now (each agency brings these in their standard briefing form to hand out to all partners and observers)
-- Breaks as needed or called for by partners --		
4:30	Observers	Public comment period (using sign-up sheet – hear as many as possible in these final 30 minutes)
5:00	Adjourn	

Friday August 29

8:30 AM	Facilitator, participants & observers	Welcome/Overview/Agenda Review (adjustments as needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap previous day's meeting and today's goals• Agree on any adjustments to today's agenda
9:00 AM	Agency partners and staff	Continue dialog on agreed-upon items (outstanding from yesterday or other)
-- Breaks as needed or called for by partners --		
11:00 AM	Agency partners and staff	Next steps, what worked well/what could be improved for next IBMP meeting
11:30 AM	Observers	Public comment period (using sign-up sheet – again, hear as many as possible)
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